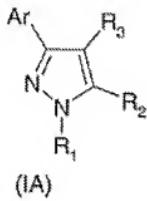


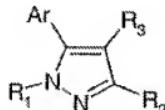
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IA) or (IB) or a salt, ~~or~~ N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof:



(IA)



(IB)

wherein

Ar is an aryl or heteroaryl radical which is linked via a ring carbon, and which is substituted by a hydroxy group on a carbon in the 2-position, and which is otherwise either unsubstituted or optionally substituted;

R₁ is hydrogen or optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R₂ is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, or C₁-C₆ alkynyl ; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group; and;

R₃ is a carboxamide group.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2-hydroxyphenyl group which is optionally further substituted.

3. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2-hydroxyphenyl group further

substituted by one or more of hydroxy, ethyl, isopropyl, chloro, bromo, or phenyl groups.

4. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxy-5-chlorophenyl group.

5. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or hydroxyethyl.

6. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed claim 1 wherein R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is hydrogen or methyl.

7. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed claim 1 wherein R₃ is a carboxamide group of formula -CONR^B(Alk)_nR^A wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a C₁-C₆ alkyl or C₂-C₆ alkenyl group

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic group.

8. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein Alk is -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH=CH-, or -CH₂CCCH₂-, R^B is hydrogen or methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or allyl, and R^A is hydroxy or optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thieryl, N-piperazinyl, or N-morpholinyl.

9. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R^A is phenyl, optionally substituted by at least one of OH, CH₃O-, Cl, F, NH₂CO-, NH₂CO-, CH₃NHCO- -COOH, -COOCH₃, -CH₂COOH, -CH₂COOCH₃, -CH₃, -CF₃, -SO₂CH₃, -SO₂NH₂, 3,4-methylenedioxy

and 3,4-ethylenedioxy.

10. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in any claim 7 wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen, Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxy-5-chlorophenyl group, Alk is -CH₂-, n is 0 or 1, R^B is hydrogen, and R^A is phenyl, optionally substituted by at least one of OH, CH₃O-, Cl, F, NH₂CO-, NH₂CO-, CH₃NHCO-, -COOH, -COOCH₃, -CH₂COOH, -CH₂COOCH₃, -CH₃, -CF₃, -SO₂CH₃, -SO₂NH₂, 3,4-methylenedioxy and 3,4-ethylenedioxy.

11. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which optionally contains one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which is optionally substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

12. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form amorpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-phenylpiperazinyl ring, which is optionally substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

13. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 which is a member of selected from the group consisting of

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetyl-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid phenyl-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetylamino-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-sulfamoyl-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-acetylamino-phenyl)-amide,

3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-sulfamoyl-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (4-carbamoyl-phenyl)-amide,
4-({[3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonyl]-amino}=methyl)-benzoic acid,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methyl-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methoxy-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 3-methoxy-benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 3-trifluoromethyl-
benzylamide,
3-(5-Chloro-2,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid 4-methanesulfonyl-
benzylamide,

and salts: and N-oxides, hydrates and solvates thereof.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of HSP90 activity in mammals comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Previously Presented) A human or veterinary medicine comprising the compound as claimed in claim 1.

16. (Previously Presented) The medicine of claim 15 for the treatment of diseases or conditions responsive to inhibition of HSP90 activity.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the disease or condition is cancer.

19. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the disease or condition is a viral disease, transplant rejection, inflammatory disease, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes,

lupus, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, cystic fibrosis, angiogenesis-related disease, diabetic retinopathy, haemangioma, or endometriosis.

20. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the mammals are humans.